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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Permanent Chairman Ollie M. James Secondary Keynote

MAY ADJOURN FRIDAY

Most of Session Today Devoted to Oratory—Speed Methods Applied By Party Leaders

Coliseum, St. Louis, June 15.—Nominations are to be made in the Democratic convention tonight. Judge Wescott, of New Jersey, said at noon that he would place President Wilson in nomination at 8 o'clock to night.

St. Louis, June 15—"Speed up" methods were applied by Democratic leaders today to the convention plans. When the convention met at 11 o'clock today it was with the fairly general understanding that efforts will be made to adjourn the convocation sine die not later than tomorrow evening, instead of Saturday, as at first planned.

The session beginning at 11 was to be devoted entirely to oratory, with permanent Chairman Ollie M. James, the secondary "keynote" as the main spellbinder.

If the leaders' plans carry, the convention is to adjourn until to night, when the resolutions committee is expected to submit the platform and the convention to ratify this declaration of principles. Tomorrow, bright and early the Democrats plan to begin nominating.

St. Louis, June 15.—Two keynotes were sounded at the first session of the Democratic National Committee when called to order by National Chairman William M. McCombs yesterday.

The first was "Wilson has kept us out of war," which was the theme of Former Gov. Martin H. Glynn's strong and loudly applauded speech in opening the proceedings as temporary chairman.

The second was sounded by William J. Bryan when, after sitting through the convention as an outsider, he said:

"Now let us all go out and catch Progressives."

Nine men, members of a subcommittee on resolutions, will crystallize these sentiments into party declaration. Tentative planks have been submitted by the President through Secretary Baker. The final draft of the platform will not be completed till this afternoon—perhaps even later.

Here are the declarations which at a late hour seemed most likely to be included in the platform:

1. An unqualified approval of the President's course in the European crisis, as having kept the country from any part in the great war.

2. A declaration to the effect that while the party will not commit itself to intervention in Mexico, it believes that enough troops should be kept on Mexican soil to protect American interests and to prevent any raids of Mexican bandits across the American border. As a sop to the Progressives, a declaration favoring measures for "social justice" fully as radical as those included in the Progressive platform adopted in Chicago last week.

Measures under discussion in the subcommittee last night:

A comprehensive workmen's compensation law.

The eight-hour day.

A more drastic woman's suffrage plank than the one adopted by the Republican. Many radical Democrats are trying to force the committee to report a declaration for a Federal suffrage law.

It was made plain to the committee members that President Wilson believes that without the Progressives' support the fight against Hughes will be too close for comfort. The President will not be found with any platform that is not so framed as to prove enticing to the men who were deserted by Roosevelt at Chicago.

GAZETTE One Week 10c

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Excoriate Any Man Who Attempts to Temporize With Present Situation

President Wilson hurled his challenge into the teeth of the Teutonic-American alliances yesterday. In a Flag Day address, he declared that a conspiracy is afoot to debase American politics to the uses of foreign intrigues.

An effort is being made, the President said, to levy a species of political blackmail by men who are threatening to wreak their vengeance at the polls upon those public officials who will not bow to foreign sentiment.

The President uttered an exhortation with the situation which he described. The nation is being tested now, he said. The President declared his confidence in the way in which the nation will meet this test and prove to the world that it is indivisible.

It was the strongest utterance that has come from the President on the subject of hyphenism and divided citizenship. Officials stated that the speech is but the forecast of what the Democratic platform, formulated with the approval of the President, will have to say on this subject.

LULL IN THE FIGHTING

Combatants at Verdun desist Through Sheer Exhaustion

Paris, June 15.—The fighting around Verdun has once more died down from sheer exhaustion of combatants.

An entire division, half of whom were Bavarians and half Pomeranians, was used up by the Germans in 12 separate attempts Monday to storm the French positions north of Thiaumont. From this position the French flanking fire prevents the enemy from advancing on Vaux plateau. No results having been attained by night-fall fresh troops were brought up and an attempt made to turn the position from the southwest. After a desperate struggle a footing was obtained in some of the trenches on Hill 321, half a mile west of Thiaumont and a mile east of Bras.

No effort was made to increase this advantage Tuesday, owing probably to the losses on Monday, which according to prisoners, were exceptionally heavy. A man belonging to the Sixteenth Bavarian infantry, stated that his regiment had been held in reserve for a big offensive against the last forts of Verdun, but that it had been thrown in to support the troops attacking Thiaumont, and had lost nearly a third of its effectives.

A violent artillery engagement took place Tuesday night in the vicinity of Vaux on the Verdun front. There were no infantry actions before Verdun.

Berlin, June 15.—The army headquarters communication of yesterday says:

"On the heights southeast of Bellebeek a portion of our new positions was lost during Tuesday's fighting. On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) positions of the enemy west and south of Thiaumont farm were captured during the battles of June 12 and 13. During these operations we captured 793 Frenchmen, including 27 officers and 15 machine guns.

"German patrols conducted effective operations near Maricourt Somme and in the Argonne."

COURT OF APPEALS

Wytheville, Va., June 15.—Proceedings in the Supreme Court yesterday were:

Connecticut Fire Insurance Company vs. Roberts Lumber Company, argued by W. H. Robertson for appellants and George C. Peery for appellee and submitted; Virginia and Southwestern Railway vs. Skinner, and Virginia and Southwestern Railway vs. Harris, submitted on briefs; Virginia and Southwestern Railway vs. Hill, argued by J. W. Price for appellant and Donald Stant for appellee, and continued until to-morrow morning.

The next case to be called are: Johnson vs. Ables, Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company vs. Oneill, Town of Jonesville vs. Burkan, Norfolk and Western Railway Company vs. Parrish, Pulaski Anthracite Coal Company vs. Hughes, M. H. Tompkins, administrator, vs. Poff.

DEVELOPED & HARD SHELL CRABS AT JACOB PRILL'S FOOT KING ST.

RUSSIANS PIERCE AUSTRIAN LINES

Railroad to North of Czernowitz Seized by Czar's Army

LEMBERG IS IN PERIL

Rumor That Evacuation of Galicia Stronghold by Defenders Has Already Been Started

Petrograd, June 15.—In their advance upon Czernowitz, the capital of Bukovina, the Russians have occupied the village of Sniatyn, 20 miles northwest of the city, the War Office announces.

In addition to their previous captures, the Russians have taken 20 officers, 6,000 men, six guns and ten machine guns.

Russian's most successful operation of the war is being pressed vigorously along the whole front in Volhynia and in Bukovina. Having cut the railway communications of Czernowitz from the north, the Russians have carried the fighting for possession of that city into its very outskirts. Its fall is momentarily expected.

At the same time the extreme right flank of General Brusiloff's forces is swinging out toward Kovel, another important railway junction controlling communication to Lemberg from the north. The Russians approaching Kovel from the southwest along the Rovno-Kovel Railway, have reached the Stokhod river 20 miles from Kovel. Southward of Kovel they have pushed a wedge westward to Torchin in the direction of Valadimir-Volynski. This piercing of the Austrian line places the right flank of Prince Leopold's army in a precarious situation. A particularly stubborn defense is being made by the enemy in the Kovel district advanced positions.

At many intermediate points between the northern and southern points of contact, the Austrians are reported to be retreating so hastily that they are out of touch with the Russians.

It is rumored that the Austrians are evacuating Lemberg.

The ruse practiced by the Russians at the beginning of the present operations is described as follows:

The Russians opened with severe cannon fire, which continued for several hours and then suddenly ceased. The Austrians, from past experience, expected an attack, which they prepared to meet, advancing machine guns and bomb-throwers, bringing up troops and even preparing cavalry for a charge. These preparations were watched by Russian observers.

When the stage was properly set, instead of the expected advance, the Russians let loose another shower of shells much more violent than any of the previous ones, causing terrific slaughter and demoralization in the opposing ranks, on the heels of which they began a forward movement.

The small number of commanding officers captured in proportion to the number of soldiers in the Austrian armies was due to the suddenness and energy of the Russian drive. It shows it is argued, that the officers lost control of the men and abandoned them to their fate at critical moments.

The total of prisoners and trophies captured during the operations amount to nearly 120,000 men, 1,780 officers, 130 canon and 260 machine guns. Reports which have been received say the enemy abandoned at certain points quantities of various war materials of such bulk as to make it impossible to give an exact description. The Russians found abandoned sufficient rails for field railways to cover 30 versts (about 20 miles).

London, June 15.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company, from Petrograd, dealing with the Russians advance in East Galicia, says:

"The Russians hold the Dniester between the frontier and, considerably westward of the confluence of the Strina and the Dniester. After the capture of Zale Szyzky and Horodenka, their next objective is Kolomea three marches distant. Unless there is some unlikely change in the strategic position only a prompt retreat will save the cutting off of the Austrian right wing."

Petrograd, June 15.—The Russian offensive concentrating just north of Czernowitz in an effort to push through and cut off the defenders of the Bukovina capital from Lemberg on the north, has succeeded according to unofficial, though reliable, reports received here.

The Czar's soldiers have advanced along the Pruth practically to the gates of Czernowitz and immediately to the north of it have taken several points along the direct line of railroad running toward Lemberg, the Galician capital. Kolomea is the objective of the north of Czernowitz attack.

Should this town fall, Czernowitz, would be without direct rail communication with Lemberg, though it could be munitioned and supplied with men from there by sending them on a wide detour to the west.

A successful drive on Czernowitz with persistence in the offensive immediately to the north would force the Austrians to the bitter expedient of retreating through the Carpathians.

He will do this with a declaration that he is an American candidate neither pro-German nor pro-Ally, and that for any one to circulate the impression that he is anything but an American candidate is not only doing him a grave injustice, but is unpatriotic.

CARLIN THE NOMINEE

Declared Choice of Democrats for Election to Congress

The Eighth District Congressional Committee met in the office of Gardner L. Boothe in the Alexandria National bank building this afternoon for the purpose of making arrangements for a primary for a member of Congress from the Eighth District to be held on August first provided there was any opposition to Hon. Charles C. Carlin, who is now filling his fifth term as a member of the House of Representatives.

Raleigh T. Green, of Culpeper, chairman of the committee, called the meeting to order. There were present, R. C. L. Moncreux, of Stafford; T. A. Williams, of Fairfax; Gardner L. Boothe of this city and Mr. Green.

There were no advices to the committee of any opposition to Mr. Carlin and he was unanimously declared to be the nominee. This practically amounts to Mr. Carlin's election as the Republican nominee, Joseph L. Crupper, of Alexandria County, who will oppose Mr. Carlin in the general election to be held in November.

will have difficulty in holding together the normal Republican vote which is almost of a negligible quantity in this district. The Bull Moosers may have a candidate in the field as well as the Socialists but Mr. Carlin is expected to pile up his usual overwhelming majority which will show the high esteem in which he is held by the residents of the District.

HEARS BROTHER SLAIN.

David Green Talking to Relative When Fatal Shot was Fired.

New York, June 15.—A shot, a scream and the sound of a body falling heard over the telephone by David Green, of Brooklyn, led to the finding of his brother, Harry's body by the police early today.

Two terrified negroes, hiding near the scene of the crime, saw three men, for whom the police are searching today, flee from the scene of the crime, and from their story, it is believed, that Green was murdered and robbed.

David Green was taking to his brother over the phone, when Harry asked him to wait, saying three customers had just come into his Ninth avenue store.

Listening at the phone, the dead man's brother then heard him threatened, and the sound of a revolver shot, followed by a scream.

SUIT FOR \$10,000 DAMAGES

Mrs. Felicite Sauvet Ponnet, through her attorney Judge J. K. Norton, has entered suit in the circuit court against the Southern Railway Company for \$10,000 damages, said to have resulted to her green-houses and flower beds. Mrs. Ponnet states in her declaration that within the past five years the railway company has established enormous coal dumps on its property and the damage to her property has resulted from the coal dust.

DUMA WOULD BAN MEAT.

London, June 15.—The Russian Duma has adopted a bill calling for the abstention from eating meat four days in each week, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd.

HUGHES WILL MAKE DENIAL

Insinuation That He is Candidate of German-Americans

WICKERSHAM'S PART

Former Attorney General in Frequent Conferences With Jurist Breeds Certain Rumors

New York, June 15.—The first thing Charles E. Hughes will do after he is formally notified of his nomination by the notification committee of the Republican national convention will be to deny the insinuation that he is the candidate of the German-Americans.

This information was obtained at the Hughes headquarters, in the Hotel Astor. Hughes himself grimly refused to comment on the various statements in some newspapers attacking him for being the favored candidate of the hyphenates.

Continuation of the work of conferring constantly with persons who want to do things for him and the harder work of talking to persons who want him to do things for them, marked the start of the day of the Republican Presidential candidate. George W. Wickersham former Attorney General, is in frequent conference with the nominee. Wickersham probably will be one of the Hughes close advisers and expects to be in constant touch with the former jurist from now on throughout the campaign. It was denied at headquarters, following an exceptional long conference yesterday, that Wickersham might be chosen chairman.

Put Up Cash and Then Declined to Oppose Senator Swanson

Harry St. George Tucker, of Lexington, while posing in connection with the nomination for United States senator from Virginia, paid to Auditor C. Lee Moore \$150 for the fee for that primary. Payment was made on June 1. After mature deliberation Mr. Tucker failed to file his formal notice of candidacy for the race, but the money was in bank to the credit of Auditor Moore.

Now, Mr. Tucker would not object to having the \$150 returned to him. How that can be done no one yet knows. There is no provision of law for returning a fee once it is paid.

That there may be a ruling in the matter, Attorney General Pollard has been asked for an opinion. That it is unfair to expect that a man who is not really a candidate shall pay for the fight to be made by others is admitted, except that the law, when the fee has been paid, is silent as to the return of such payment.

Of course, if the candidate has no opposition, the fee is returned by law, but in this case Mr. Tucker paid the fee with the view to opposing Senator Swanson.

Several years ago, when the fees from candidates had reached a snug sum, the legislature directed a prorata return to the men who had contributed to the fund, out the amount received by each was small.

Attorney General Pollard said yesterday that he had found no authority in law whereby the fees paid by candidates for office could be returned by the auditor of public accounts.

He has declined to render the opinion on the subject asked by Auditor Moore. Several candidates who have paid the fees and who have no opposition have asked that he withhold the same till such time as they can prepare and present a brief assigning their reasons for making the request for the return. Mr. Pollard has agreed to do this, and will render his opinion after he has read and considered the brief.

STATE SUNDAY LAW

Farmville Man Asks if He Will Be Allowed to Sleep on Sunday

Farmville has produced a citizen who rises to inquire if it is going to be unlawful to sleep on Sunday. The query arrived yesterday in the morning mail of State Auditor Moore, who is rapidly coming to be regarded by the proletariat as not only the repository of authoritative information on tax subjects, but also as a veritable prophet in Israel when it comes to the moral code.

The Auditor reread the ouster law, consulted the office Bible and dictated with prayer the following reply:

"Dear Sir: I have received your letter of June 12, submitting this question:

"Kindly let me know if it is breaking one of the laws of Virginia to sleep on Sunday."

"Whilst it is not my official duty to construe the laws of the Commonwealth relating to the observance of Sunday, I gladly do you the courtesy of replying to your letter."

"I am of the opinion no law of the State of Virginia is violated by a person who sleeps on Sunday, but I am intensely of the opinion that a person who sleeps on Sunday violates a much higher law—viz., that of God—and it is the duty of every person to observe Sunday as a day of rest from secular affairs and to employ all of the Sabbath in religious worship by song and praise and good works, exercising with all the capability with which God has endowed him his individual talents in the service of his Master. I might go further, and say that I believe more than this that a person should not confine his religious worship and good works to Sunday alone, but should give each day all of the time he can in such service."

"Whilst man does sometimes scoff at and ignore the laws of man, we be unto that man who ignores and scoffs at the laws of God. It were better for that man had he never been born, or that a millstone were tied to his neck and he were thrown into the sea. But if you feel, in your individual case you cannot, whilst awake, resist the temptation of the world, I must further advise you, my brother, to sleep on—and sleep on."

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RUSSIANS IN FIGHT AT SEA

Surprise German Warships Convoying Fleet of Merchantmen

14 VESSELS ARE SUNK

Remaining German Ships Flea After Meeting Disaster in the Baltic Sea Is Report

Copenhagen, June 15.—The German cruiser Koenig von Sachsen (King of Saxony), a destroyer and 12 merchantmen have been sunk in a sea fight in the Baltic according to a report received by the Exchange Telegram Company.

Describing the Baltic fight the Dagens Nyheder says that the Russian squadron won an important victory. The Russians had six destroyers and several submarines and were going at such speed that the Germans were taken completely by surprise and only fired one shot, then made for port in the utmost haste.

"It is believed," says the paper, "that 12 merchantmen were sunk, while a German armed trawler which arrived at Nykoping had 150 men aboard from a German destroyer that had been sent to the bottom. The German auxiliary cruiser was the Koenig von Sachsen, which was also seen to sink, and it is supposed that all of her crew were drowned."

Nykoping, Sweden, June 15.—Thirteen German merchantmen which were coming from the north convoyed by an auxiliary cruiser and some torpedo boats and armed trawlers were attacked early yesterday morning by a squadron of Russian destroyers, torpedo boats and submarines near the Swedish coast.

The German convoy was dispersed and the merchantmen fled toward the coast.

It is reported that some of the vessels were sunk.

The reported engagement apparently resulted from an attempt of the Germans to land a large body of reinforcements for Field Marshal von Hindenburg's offensive against the Russian line in the region of Jacobstadt, on the Riga-Dvinsk front.

Available naval registers do not list the Koenig von Sachsen. It probably is one of the four cruisers laid down in 1913 and expected to be completed during last year and this.

EVERYTHING CAME HIS WAY.

Court Hears How Wife Ironed Sprouce's Breeches While He Was in 'Em.

Pittsburgh, June 15.—"My wife handled me like a child handles a rag doll," said Walter E. Miller, ninety-pound husband, who sued Minnie C. Miller, his 160-pound wife, for a divorce, in court.

"She has a devilish temper and a strong arm," continued Miller. "Three days after we were married she jumped on me as I slept, landing both knees in the pit of my stomach. I was weeks recovering."

"Anything not riveted to the floor or ceiling sooner or later collided with my body or head. Knives, chairs, vases, meat cleavers, dishes, all came my way. My wife's favorite diversion was to stand at the head of the stairs and hurl chairs down at me."

"On another occasion she held me over her lap and applied a hot iron to the seat of my trousers. I was a long time recovering," Miller testified meekly. He was granted a decree.

BRYAN TO TAKE STUMP

St. Louis, June 15.—While the resolution committee was in session yesterday Samuel A. King, of Utah rose and made this statement:

"I called on William J. Bryan and asked if he would submit any planks. He replied:

"I have no planks to offer but one, and that is the President's. Determine what he wants, and his planks will be mine. I expect to go before the people in his behalf on your report."